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REMARKS

The subject matter of claims 3 and 6 have been incorporated into claim 1. As such, claim 1 has been amended and claims 3 and 6 have been cancelled. In addition, claims 4, 5 and 7-10 were amended to state their dependency on claim 1 given that claim 3 has been cancelled. As such, claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7-10 remain pending in this case.

Claim 6 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but was indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Since the subject matter of claim 6 and claim 3, from which claim 6 depended from has been incorporated into claim 1, Applicants submit that claim 1 is in allowable form. As such, the Examiner's rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Burch et al. in view of Wentinck and Miyoshi is hereby rendered moot. Similarly, the rejection of claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Burch et al. in view of Wentinck and Miyoshi further in view of Sederquist is likewise rendered moot along with the rejection of claims 3-5 and 7-10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Burch et al. in view of Wentinck and Miyoshi further in view of Goebel et al.

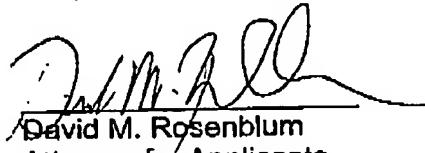
Applicants are aware that this response is being made within the first month. Consequently, Applicants have submitted herewith a petition to extend the time to answer in the first month together with directions to charge applicants assignee's deposit account no. 16-2440 the appropriate fee.

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In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks set forth above, reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of all presently pending claims is requested. Since the case is in condition for allowance, prompt and favorable action is hereby solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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